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SUBJECT: IEA: PROPOSED MEETING OF GB CHAIRMAN DAVIGNON
AND DIRECTOR LANTZKE WITH HIGH LEVEL OIL COMPANY
REPRESENTATIVES

PLEASE PASS TO CONANT FEA

1. IEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LANTZKE AT GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING MAY 20 DISTRIBUTED STATEMENT (IEA/GB(75)31)
SAYING THAT HE AND DAVIGNON INTEND TO MEET WITH HIGH-
LEVEL OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES IN JUNE TO DISCUSS
RELATIONS OF OIL INDUSTRY WITH IEA AND TO ENSURE THAT
OIL COMPANY COOPERATION WITH IEA IN EMERGENCY AND OIL
MARKET AREAS "REMAINS CONSTRUCTIVE AND BASED ON MUTUAL
CONFIDENCE." LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF IEA MINISTERIAL
COMMUNIQUE DID NOT ALLOW TIME FOR DISCUSSION THIS
STATEMENT AT GB MEETING.

2. U.S. DEL TO STANDING GROUP ON OIL MARKET SUBSEQUENTLY
WAS TOLD PRIVATELY BY CHAIRMAN HOPPER THAT HE HAD BEEN
UNAWARE OF INITIATIVE UNTIL GB MEETING, AT WHICH TIME HE
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AND VAN RHIJN, CHAIRMAN STANDING GROUP ON EMERGENCY

QUESTIONS, HAD BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND PROPOSED MEETING. HOPPER EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS THAT AN ACTION WHICH COULD HAVE IMPORTANT POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS WAS BEING PRESENTED AS FAIT ACCOMPLI WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH G.B. (HE ALSO INDICATED HE HAD BEEN GIVEN AGENDA FOR PROPOSED MEETING BUT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO SHOW IT TO US.) ON PERSONAL BASIS, U.S. DEL TO SOM TOLDHOPPER WE AGREED WITH HIM.

3. COMMENT: U.S. DEL FINDS IT PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE U.S. NOT CONSULTED, GIVEN KEY ROLE U.S. COMPANIES AND IN LIGHT OF SENSITIVE CONTACTS WITH COMPANIES TAKING PLACE IN SOM AND SEQ, IN WHICH U.S. HAS OBVIOUS GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST. WE ARE DISTURBED BY PROPOSED CREATION OF AN IMPORTANT NEW INSTRUMENT FOR CONTACT WITH OIL COMPANIES WITHOUT A U.S. PRESENCE AND APPARENTLY WITH A MINIMUM OF U.S. POLICY INPUT.

4. AFTER MEETING WITH LANTZKE ON MAY 21, HOPPER TOLD US THAT LANTZKE WILL DISCUSS PROPOSED MEETING AT MINISTERIAL GB LUNCHEON MAY 27. USDEL RECOMMENDS U.S. REP AT LUNCHEON BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ISSUE IN LIGHT OF CONSIDERATIONS SET OUT ABOVE.
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